

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
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Ward et al.	)	
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Serial No. Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: Concurrently	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: "NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION USING	)	
STRUCTURED PROBES"	)	

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**AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME  
AS INCORPORATING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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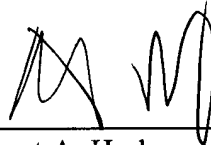
November 9, 2001

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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